



CITY OF SUGAR LAND

Engineering Department

CIP Project Number: PK1003

Title: Ditch 'H' Hike and Bike Trail

Project Phase: Land/Design

0 % of Phase Completion



Cost for this Phase: \$ 650,000

Funding Sources: CO's

Project Manager: Shashi Kumar

Contractor: TBD

Consultant: Klotz

Project Description: Design of Ditch 'H' trail. Design addresses issues such as drainage, road crossings, and levee improvement district concerns. This trail will be the primary connection from North Sugar Land to the Brazos River Park.

Justification: This segment was identified as a high priority in the Hike and Bike Master Plan.

Updates:

November 2009 - The PER process that began in 2009 is currently underway. A few of the stakeholders (LID's) are yet to provide a buy-in/ dedicate easements for this project, due to potential new legislation that would not allow the joint use of levees for recreational purposes. As such, the start of design phase services could be delayed until the PER is wrapped-up.

December 2009 – A section of the proposed trail along the Ditch “H” corridor would be located within the FBC LID 2 right-of-way. In our presentation to LID 2, the board expressed concern over allowing trails over top of their levees in lieu of proposed new regulations and their pending application to join the US Army Corps of Engineers “RIP” program. Alternatives are being look-into in terms of ROW acquisition to facilitate the trail. As such, the design is on hold pending completion of the PER.

March 2010 – The proposed alignment was “walked” by the project team in order to identify field constraints and to minimize any potential easements/ land acquisition from LID 2, in lieu of the concerns expressed by the board in allowing a trail system over the district’s levees. This new alignment will be presented to the stakeholders in April 2010 and the PER phase is expected to be wrapped-up.

